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before the court pay a fine turn them loose and pick them up in about 10 more hours. Therefore Mr. Chairman, I think that this is a program a forward looking program for the state of Nebraska. I hope that the Legislators would look with favor upon this act that has been a long time in coming and a long time in working. Therefore I would ask that the amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Further discussion? Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the legislature. I was probably one of the most resistive members of the Judiciary Committee when this bill was being presented. This may come as quite a shock to Senator Barnett, but I do support the bill. It is inovative and I don't know if that is the right word, but it is a big change from what were used to in handling alcoholics and people who we have been calling drunks. I don't anticipate that most of us will be drawing great accolades from our home town areas if we should adopt this bill. But, I do think and I don't know if it is exactly correct as it ought to be in its present form, but the concept seems to be that this is more of a sensible way to handle alcoholics in the future than the way that we are doing it now, so I will ask you to look at this with an open mind to see if you can't see something about it and perhaps this will be a learning process for you as it was for me. I support the bill.

PRESIDENT: Discussion on the standing committee amendment. Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, I would like to direct a question to Senator Nichol if I might. Senator, I understand that from the committee that you were considered financing this trthrough an insurance program, but later amended this to a tax on beverages, can you give me the reasoning behind this shift.

SENATOR NICHOL: From what was the first part?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Since I am not a member of that ccmmittee I can't....did

SENATOR NICHOL: Did you say insurance?

SENAROR R. LEWIS: Yes. Many states do you know have this type of insurance.

PRESIDENT: I think that Senator Barnett has the answer.

SENATOR NICHOL: Why don't you let him answer this, because I don't recall having insurance to do this, however some people do have it and some insurance items involved. I would defer to him if you don't mind.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett, wouldyou answer the question.